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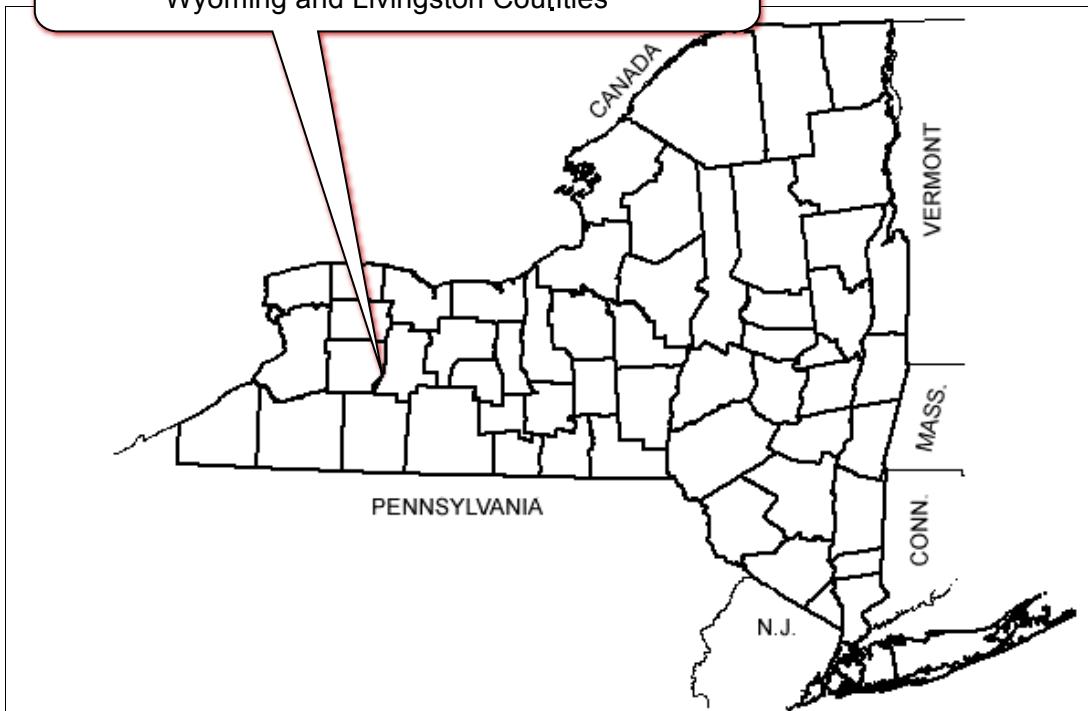
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This document describes the potential social, economic, and environmental effects that may result from the Portageville Bridge Project. Where adverse impacts are identified, measures to mitigate those effects are described. The Portageville Bridge spans the Genesee River within Livingston and Wyoming Counties, New York.

The purpose of the Project is to address the existing deficiencies at the Portageville Bridge by providing a modern rail crossing of the Genesee River, at its current location, that is capable of carrying current industry standard freight rail loads, to the greatest degree possible meeting Federal Railroad Administration Class 4 speeds, while reducing ongoing maintenance efforts and costs. The Project is needed for Norfolk Southern Railway Company to continue to provide safe, reliable, and efficient rail operations on the Southern Tier route. These operations are critical to the economic viability and growth of the Southern Tier and other affected areas of New York. The alternatives considered include the No Action Alternative and an alternative to construct a new rail bridge at the same general location and remove the existing bridge (the Preferred Alternative).

This document is available for public review and comments will be received until September 15, 2014, after which time FHWA and the NYSDOT will issue a joint Record of Decision in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and 17 NYCRR Part 15, respectively. This environmental determination will be issued as a single Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision document pursuant to Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, Section 1319(b) unless FHWA determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of the combined document pursuant to Section 1319.

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